

19th August 1925]

Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO :—“ This question has not been fully answered. May I know on what terms the grounds were let to the Madras Race Club ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
“ A rental of Rs. 8,000 per annum is charged and it is credited to the Government.”

Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO :—“ With whose permission ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ With the permission of the Government, I think.”

Jails.

Representation of the Discharged Prisoners' Societies on the Boards of Visitors to Jails.

* 127 Q.—Sriman SASIRHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether any orders have been passed for the representation of the Discharged Prisoners' Societies on the Boards of Visitors to the various jails; and if not, whether the Government propose to pass such orders?

A.—Yes; the Government have instructed the Commissioner of Police and the District Magistrates to see that preference is given to persons connected with the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society in the selection of non-official visitors to the Board.

Use of pillows for prisoners in Cuddalore, etc.

* 128 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

- (a) whether prisoners in the jails at Cuddalore and Trichinopoly are allowed the use of pillows; and
- (b) if not, why not?

A.—(a) & (b) Pillows are not supplied to Indian prisoners except to those who are sick in the jail hospital. Rule 379 (1) of the Jail Manual, however, requires that the Indian prisoners in jails, where no pials with a head-rest exist, should be supplied with coir or aloe mats 8 feet in length and 2½ feet in breadth, so that one end may be rolled up to form a pillow. The Superintendents of Trichinopoly and Cuddalore Jails have been instructed to comply strictly with the requirements of the above rule.

Labour.

Labour in Shoranur-Nilambur Railway.

* 129 Q.—Mr. K. PRABHAKARAN TAMPAN: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

- (a) what is the rate fixed in the estimates for unskilled labour of men, women and children in the working of the Shoranur-Nilambur Railway and whether the contractors are allowed to give any wages as they choose; and